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My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Think it fit, after ſo long abſence, at this firſt occaſion, to ſpeak a few words unto you, but it is no wayes in anſwer to Maſter *Speakers* learned *Speech*: Albeit I have ſtaid longer then I expected

to have done when I went away, yet in this I have kept my promiſe with you, that I have made all the haſte back again, that the ſetling of my *Scotch* affairs could any wayes permit, in which I have had ſo good ſucceſſe, that I will confidently affirm to you, that I have left that Nation a moſt peaceable and contented People; ſo that although I have a little miſreckoned in time, yet I was not deceived in my end.

But if I have deceived your expectations a little in the time of my return, yet I am aſſured that my expectation is as much and more deceived in the condition wherein I hoped to have found buſineſſes at my return. For ſince that before my going I ſetled the Liberties of

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my Subjects, and gave the Lawes a free and orderly course, I expected to have found my People reaping the fruits of these benefits, by living in quietnesse, and satisfaction of minde: But in stead of this, I finde them disturbed with Jealousies, Frights, and Alarms of dangerous Designes and Plots; in consequence of which, Guards have been set to defend both Houses: I say not this as in doubt that my Subjects affections are any way lessned to me in this time of my absence, for I cannot but remember, to my great comfort, the joyfull reception I had now at my entry into *London*, but rather as I hope that my presence will easily disperse these fears. For I bring as perfect

and true affections to my people as ever Prince did, or as good Subjects can posibly desire. And I am so far from repenting me of any Act I have done this Sesion for the good of my people, that I protest, if it were to do again I would do it, and will yet grant what else can be justly desired for satisfaction in point of Liberties, or in maintenance of the true Religion that is here established.

Now I have but one Particular to recommend unto you at this time, It is *Ireland*, for which though I doubt not your care, yet me thinks the preparations for it go but slowly on. The occasion is the fitter for me now to mention it, because of the arrivall of two Lords

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from *Scotland*, who come instructed from my Councel there (who now by Act of Parliament have full power for that purpose) to answer that Demand which it pleased both Houses to make me by way of Petition, that met me at *Barwick*, and which the Duke of *Richmont* sent back by my Command to my Scotch-Councel: Therefore my desire is, That both Houses would appoint a select Committee to end this businesse with these Noblemen. I must conclude in telling you, that I seek my peoples happinesse, for their flourishing is my greatest glory, and their affections my greatest strength.

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